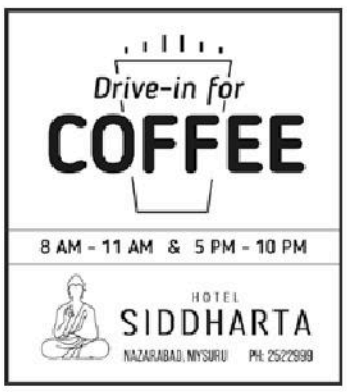

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SC allows Passive Euthanasia

Apex Court recognises 'living will' made by terminally-ill patients; lays down guidelines

New Delhi, Mar. 9- Stating that human beings have the right to die with dignity, the Supreme Court (SC) this morning allowed passive euthanasia but made sure to set out strict guidelines that will govern when it is permitted. The fundamental right to a "meaningful existence" includes a person's choice to die without suffering, the Apex Court held.

The top Court also allowed an individual to draft a 'living will' specifying that they not be put on life support if they slip into an incurable coma in the future. In a 'living will', a person can make a statement in advance that their life should not be prolonged by putting them on a ventilator or an artificial support system.

The order was passed by a five-Judge Constitution Bench of Chief Justice (CJI) Dipak Misra and Justices A.K. Sikri, A.M. Khanwilkar, D.Y. Chandrachud and Ashok Bhushan. The Apex Court's order came on a plea by the NGO 'Common Cause'.

Though the Judges gave four separate opinions, all of them were unanimous that a 'living will' should be allowed, because an individual should not be allowed to continue suffering in a vegetative state when they don't wish to continue living.

The top Court also set in place strict guidelines for carrying out the mandate of a 'living will'. The Court did this by specifying who is authorised to give effect to it. The Court also talked of involving a Medical Board to determine whether the patient in a vegetative state could be revived or not.

The SC said it was aware of the pitfalls in giving effect to 'living wills', considering the property disputes relatives have. Therefore, the SC said the relatives of a patient who has not written a 'living will' can approach High Courts asking for passive euthanasia.

The NGO had approached the Court seeking a direction for the recognition of a 'living will' and contended that when a medical expert said that a person afflicted with terminal disease had reached a point of no return, then they should be given the right to refuse being put on life support.

(See EUTHANASIA on page 10)

No password of content to release movies

Cinema theatres closed today

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (NNN)- All the cinema theatres including single screens and multiplexes are closed today as there is no password of the content to release the movies.

The South Indian Film Chambers of Commerce had called for a bandh of cinema halls today following a dispute between the service providers — UFO Movies Limited and Real Image Qube — who supply digital format to theatres. The digital content is converted and transferred through satellite or stored in hard disc.

The Producers and Distributors had demanded reduction in costs. After the meeting between the two on Mar.3, the service providers had agreed for the demands of Producers. However, a few Producers of Karnataka Film Chambers of Commerce not happy with the outcome called for theatre bandh.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* here this morning, M.R. Rajaram, Vice-President, Karnataka Film Exhibitors Federation and Secretary, Mysuru City Film Exhibitors Association said, "We are totally helpless as we do not have the passwords of the content to release the movies. Even though the problem has been resolved we just do not understand why they have called for the bandh today." Some of the Kannada movies which are doing very well have to be stopped from screening and it is a big loss to both Distributors and Producers, he said.

There were three Kannada movies ready for release today and each Producer had spent nearly Rs. 15 lakh to Rs.20 lakh for promotion of the movies and they have suffered losses because of this move on the part of the Association, said Rajaram.

Meanwhile, at the DRC cinemas in Jayalakshmipuram, tickets were sold for a few English and Hindi movies but the management decided to refund the ticket money after stopping the screening. Vaishali Hanumanth Padaki of DRC told *Star of Mysore* that since all the multiplexes had decided to stop the shows, she also refunded the amount.

However, English and Hindi movies will be screened after 6 pm while the Kannada movies will not be shown today. But in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, there is no bandh, she added.

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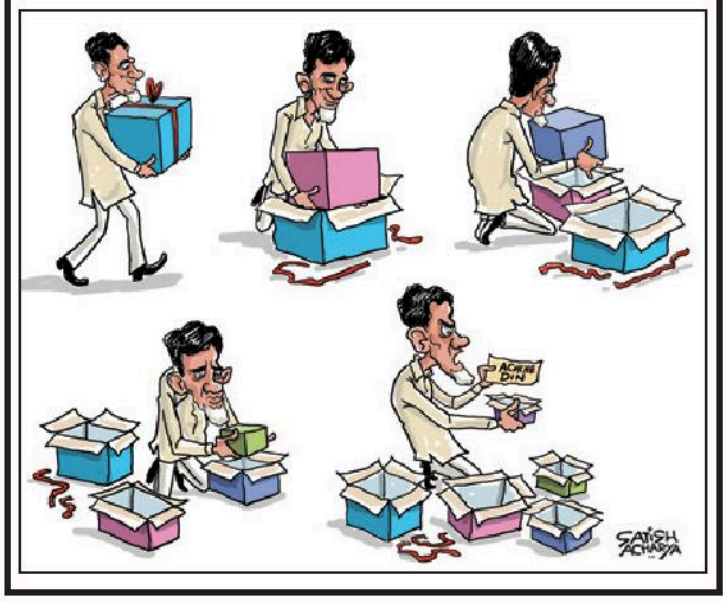

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Statues and Graves

By way of a disclaimer, the various issues appearing in this column, remarks made and points raised do not include in their ambit any or all of the idols, figures, statues, images and figurines of divinities worshipped by devotees of various faiths, taking care not to hurt their sentiments and beliefs. The monolithic figure of Bahubali at Shravanabelagola near Mysuru, revered by Jains, sculpted about 1,000 years ago is perceived by scholars as a symbol of all virtues, particularly detached outlook towards material possessions, that everyone needs to imbibe in daily life. The idols and figures of divinities in the temples at innumerable shrines across the country, Mysuru too hosting temples drawing the devotees to their precincts throughout the year and more so on festive occasions are a legacy from a distant past being passed on by successive generations with sustained devotion and fervour. Keeping honourable company with the aforementioned representation of divine beings in stone and other image forms are the graves of many people of eminence in various fields who lived at different periods in the past and whose memory continues to be cherished even to this day.

Apart from invoking the divinities to bestow mercy upon mortals and provide all the goodies of life, the practice of offering prayers to the five basic physical elements (nature), believed to be the basis of all cosmic creation is featured in innumerable narratives in both the land's epics and its recorded history of many centuries past.

During the rule of aliens over the land, starting from middle ages and ending seven decades ago, both regimes have raised statues of the top brass in the government as well as tombs, read graves of many rulers, reminding the later generations about their unworthy track record. In total contrast of sorts, the statues of the past kings and warriors at different locations, including Mysuru, do remind us about the golden period that societies of their times experienced. Ideally, statues are best made to adorn public spaces for only those leading lights of different generations whose qualities of head and heart stand scrutiny by posterity.

Recent reports of statues of many leaders being razed to the ground both in India and elsewhere bring out the message of avoiding vested interests and short term popularity in the matter of statues. As for the graves of aliens portrayed in the pages of history for their many misdeeds, less said the better. Keeping them costs the nation dearly apart from gobbling valuable space that can be put to use for people's welfare.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

On Tuesday, Rajya Sabha Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu castigated Members of Parliament for displaying banners and placards as they entered the Well of the House. "This is not the way. This is Parliament; not a bazaar," he said. Naidu said the MPs were insulting themselves and turning Parliament into a joke. Later, at a meeting with leaders of various political parties, Naidu said he didn't wish to run the House if members continued to behave irresponsibly. The Leader of the Opposition, Ghulam Nabi Azad, and others tried to placate Naidu. In the Rajya Sabha, barring the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Shiromani Akali Dal, members of nearly all other parties were in the Well of the House to protest on one issue or the other.

— In Business Standard.

NEWS SPARKLERS

Revolutionary eye-drops !

Jerusalem: Scientists at Bar-Ilan University's Institute of Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials, in Tel Aviv, Israel, claim to have created some truly revolutionary eye-drops that can heal damaged corneas and improve vision.

Described as "a new concept for correcting refractory problems," the nanodrops developed by ophthalmologist Dr. David Smadja and a team of scientists from Shaare Zedek Medical Centre and Bar-Ilan University have so far been tested on pigs with damaged corneas. During a recent presentation, Smadja said that the eye-drops repaired the pigs' corneas, producing improvements in both short-sightedness and long-sightedness. According to the Jerusalem Post, "patients would open an application on their smartphone, measure their eye refraction at home, create a laser pattern and then "laser corneal stamping" of an optical pattern onto the corneal surface of their eyes. Drops with a synthetic nanoparticles solution can correct the vision problem."

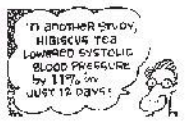
Unusual hairstyle

Moscow: Russian senator Valentina Petrenko's political career stretches back to the days of the former Soviet Union, but the thing is she is most known for is her hair. Already the subject of countless memes on Russian social media, Petrenko's glorious hairdo recently went viral internationally, and people just can't stop talking about it.

Speculation regarding Valentina Petrenko's bizarre hairstyle has been running rampant on Twitter ever since Alex Bruce-Smith, an associate news editor at Pedestrian Daily, shared some photos of the Russian senator representing the Republic of Khakassia. There's just so much people want to know about her hair. Is it real or a wig? How does she make it stay up like that? Is that where all the Russian top-secret information is hidden? Valentina Petrenko told the Echo of Moscow in a 2015 interview. "I just have curly hair. I lift it upwards with some hair pins, that is all." As for why Petrenko has been sporting this same unique hairdo for long time. It might have something to do with the message she wants to send about herself.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Can hibiscus tea lower my blood pressure?



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Guv awards gold medal to city's Sanskrit Lecturer

Mysuru, Mar.9 - Vid. Raghavendra Krishna Bhat, Sanskrit Lecturer, Jnanodaya PU College, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru, has secured 1st Rank in MA Sanskrit (Poorva Meemamsa Shastra) from Karnataka Sanskrit University for the year 2016-17. He was awarded the Gold Medal by Governor-Chancellor Vajubhai R. Vala at Kuvempu Kalakshetra in Bengaluru recently.

ICSI Mysore Chapter students win Moot Court competition

The students of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), Mysore Chapter, won first prize at the State-level Moot Court competition hosted by ICSI-Bengaluru Chapter. Seen in the picture are** (from left) **CS S. Manjunath, Chairman, ICSI Mysore Chapter, winners of the competition — K.S. Shravan, Souhardh Patel, G. Krishna Revanth, pursuing CS Executive-level — and CS M.J. Veerash, Secretary, ICSI Mysore Chapter. The winners were awarded certificates and trophies.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Basava Jayanti Meeting this evening

A meeting of the members of Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Mahasabha, Veerashaiva Lingayata Sangha Samsthegalu haagu Basava Balagalala Okkuta, Mysuru, has been convened in the Suttur Mutt premises at the foot of Chamundi Hill today at 5 pm in connection with Basava Jayanti-2018. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Seers of various Mutts will grace the occasion.

Intl. Women's Day celebrations

Yashaswini Mahila Sangha will be celebrating International Women's Day on Mar.14 at 2.30 pm. Sangha Secretary Annapoorna has, in a press release, asked the members and Executive Committee members to take part in the celebrations.

Rangageethe contest

Apravarambe has organised 'Veerarasa Rangageethe' contest on Mar.11 at 10.30 am at Town Hall here. There is no age limit for participants. The first three winners will get cash prizes of Rs. 5000, Rs. 3000 and Rs. 2000 respectively. For more details, call Mob.: 96114-74918, 99862-98499, 96328-41700.

Public auction

Old newspapers will be disposed off through public auction by Administrative Training Institute (ATI) at its library premises on Mar.13 at 12 Noon. Tenders can be submitted before 5pm on Mar.12.

Drawing competition

As part of Devara Dasimmayya Jayanti, Sri Choudeshwari Shantinikethana Seva Trust, Kuvempunagar, has organised a drawing competition under the guidance of National Award winner M.R. Manohar, on Mar. 11 at Tapovana Park, behind JSS Law College, near Akshaya Bandar, Kuvempunagar between 10 am and 12 pm. For details, contact Mob: 97406-49394 or 99450-43548.

Yugamanothsava

Aradhya Mahasabha has organised Pancharya Yugamanothsava-2018 and Sri Renukaradhya Jayanti on Mar.11 from 7am at its premises on JLB Road in Chamundipuram here. For details, call Ph: 0821-2332784.

Railway Pensioners meeting

The monthly meeting of Railway Pensioners Welfare Association will be held at 10.30 am on Mar. 11 at A. Manuel Hall, Sheshadri Iyer Road, Mysuru. G. Arumugam, President, C.G. Krishna General Secretary will address the members.

CM unveils Karnataka flag ahead of elections

Flag's Yellow colour symbolises Forgiveness, White for Peace and Red for Bravery

CM Siddharamaiah displaying the new State Flag at his home-office 'Krishna' in Bengaluru yesterday as Kannada Development Authority Chairman S.G. Siddaramaiah, Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Manu Baligar and Department of Information and Public Relations Director N.R. Vishu Kumar look on.

Bengaluru, Mar. 9- Karnataka Chief Minister Siddharamaiah unveiled the new State flag — a yellow, white and red combination with the State emblem at the centre — at his home-office 'Krishna' yesterday.

Siddharamaiah, who met a delegation of Kannada activists at his office displayed the flag proposed to be used as the official State Flag. The proposed new flag will now be sent for approval to the Union Home Ministry. If accepted, Karnataka will be the second State to have an official State flag.

The flag or *'Naada Dhwaja'* with yellow, white and red colours has the State emblem '*Gandaberunda*,' a two-headed mythical bird, in the middle.

The selected colours represent different things: Yellow symbolises forgiveness, white for peace and red for bravery. The emblem will be printed in black and white on the central white stripe.

The Siddharamaiah Government's move marks a departure from the earlier State Government's stand in 2012, when the then BJP Government had told the Karnataka High Court that it had not accepted the suggestions to declare yellow and red Kannada flag as official, saying a separate flag would be against the unity and integrity of the country. "Kannada flag is not unconstitutional. It is not barred by the Constitution. We will send the design to the Centre. Hope they approve it. There has been a long pending demand for it. I am happy that we finally have a *Kannada Baavuta* (Kannada Flag)," the Chief Minister said.

Last year, the State Government had constituted a nine-member committee to design the State flag. The order nominated the Principal Secretary of the Kannada and Culture Department as the Chairperson of the committee.

The panel comprised secretaries to the departments of Personnel and Administrative Services, Home, Law and Parliamentary Affairs, and also President of Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Chairman of Kannada Development Authority, and Vice-Chancellor of Kannada University, Hampi, as its members.

Karnataka already has an unofficial State flag since 1960s, created by Kannada writer and activist M. Ramamurthy, who founded pro-Kannada political party (Kannada Paksha). This flag — yellow and red — has been associated with all pro-Kannada movements and rallies across the State.

STATE EMBLEM

The coat of arms of Karnataka is the State Emblem of Karnataka. The coat of arms is based on that of the Kingdom of Mysuru. The arms have a red shield charged with a white two-headed bird, Gandaberunda bordered in blue. The heraldry depicts the Lion Capital of Ashoka on a blue circular abacus with a blue frieze carrying sculptures in high relief of a galloping horse on the left, a Dharmachakra in centre, a bull on the right, and the outlines of Dharmachakras on the extreme left and right as part of Sarnath's Ashoka Pillar. The shield is flanked on either side by red-maned, yellow lion-elephant supporters (mythical creatures believed to be upholders of righteousness stronger than lions and elephants) standing on a green, leafy compartment.

Below the compartment lies written in stylised *Devanāgarī*, the national motto of India 'Satyameva Jayate,' Sanskrit for (Truth Alone Triumphs).

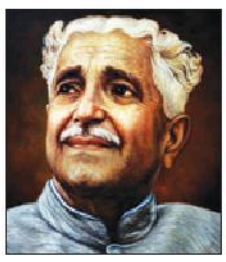
Cannot accept new flag: Vatal

Pro-Kannada groups have come forward expressing disappointment with the new State Flag.

Vatal Nagaraj, leader of the Kannada Chaluvali Vatal Paksha and a former MLA, said that it was the existing (unofficial) bi-colour flag that the people of the State are identified with.

"That is the flag the government too hoists on the State's Formation Day. The people of Karnataka will come out on the streets with our flag if there is any change to the existing flag," he added.

Kuvempu's Vishvamanava Sandesha in Bengaluru Central University logo



Bengaluru, Mar. 9 - The new logo of the Bengaluru Central University (BCU) which was inaugurated yesterday will hold the words of Kuvempu, one of the greatest poets of the 20th century.

The logo is based on the University's motto *'Aagu Nee Aniketana'* translated as 'Be Boundless.' The line is from Kuvempu's poem *'Vishvamanava Sandesha,'* which conveyed his message of universal brotherhood.

"The first lines of the poem are translated as 'Oh spirit! Transcend all boundaries.' We shortened it to 'Be Boundless.' This reflects the vision of the University which is open and inclusive. There will be freedom of thought and expression," Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Japhet said.

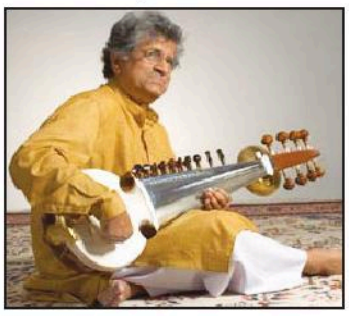
The design was created by artist M.S. Murthy, former Chairman of Lalitha Kala Academy. Japhet said that there was a public call for submission of logo designs and a committee of writers including Prof. K. Marulasiddappa and Dr. Siddlingaiah, shortlisted them.

The logo was signed by the Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, Higher Education Minister Basavaraj Rayareddy and retired Justice M.N. Venkatachalaiah who is an alumnus of Central College. It will be framed and preserved for posterity, Japhet said.

Kuvempu, the first recipient of the prestigious Jnanpith Award, was once a Professor of Kannada Literature at the Central College for six years. "He wrote *'Sri Ramayana Darshanam'* which got him the Jnanpith award when he was with the Central College," Japhet said.

The logo also features the Clock Tower, which is a landmark of the Central College campus. The tower which was set up more than a century ago is one of the oldest clock towers in the city.

Nadoja award to Pt. Rajeev Taranath



Hampi, Mar.9- Hampi Kannada University is conferring the Nadoja Award (equivalent to D. Litt degree) to Sarod Maestro Pandit Rajeev Taranth in recognition of his contribution in the field of classical music, said the University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Mallika S. Ghanti.

Governor Vajubhai R. Vala who is the Chancellor of the University will be awarding the degree at the 26th *Nudi Habba* (convocation) on Mar.10. However, the maestro is not attending the convocation and the award is likely to be presented to him by the University authorities in Mysuru where he is residing, according to sources.

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Govt. launches centrally-sourced-and-distributed pads on International Women's Day

New Delhi, Mar.9 - Menstrual hygiene just took the centre-stage. After months of debate around exempting sanitary napkins from the Goods and Services Tax (GST) net, the Centre yesterday chose the occasion of International Women's Day to launch centrally-sourced and distributed low-cost biodegradable sanitary pads for anyone who would care to use.

A set of four such pads will cost Rs. 10 and will be easy to use and dispose of on account of biodegradability. Called *"Suvidha"*, these will be sold through the government's drug dispensing stores called Jan Aushadhi Kendras. There are 3,200 such Kendras across 586 districts — a massive expansion from 99 similar outlets in 2014.

H.N. Ananth Kumar

The launch is revolutionary for India's ongoing cleanliness campaign and also for its virtually negligible cost. One pad will cost just Rs. 2.50 as against the current average cost of Rs. 8 for a non-biodegradable napkin of companies.

Launching the product close on the heels of release of Akshay Kumar-starrer *Pad Man*, which helped focus attention on the issue, Chemicals and Fertilisers Minister H.N. Ananth Kumar said, "These napkins will address three challenges of health, convenience and cleanliness — *Swasthya, Suvidha and Swachhatha*."

He also cited the prices of a set of four napkins currently being marketed and added, "No woman would now have to use unhygienic health accessories for the want of being unable to afford these." The availability of low-cost health products in the form of sanitary napkins is the fourth in the line of other similar products whose prices were slashed over the recent past.

These include 800 drug formulations to cure a range of non-communicable diseases, cardiac stents and orthopaedic implants. The Central Government is now reviewing possibilities of capping the prices of ocular lenses.

Cauvery: All parties unanimous on taking advice of legal team

FROM RIGHT: ***Irrigation and Water Resources Minister M.B. Patil, Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, Karnataka Chief Secretary K. Ratna Prabha and Leader of Opposition Jagadish Shettar during an all-party meeting held yesterday at Vidhana Soudha to discuss Cauvery water issue.***

Bengaluru, Mar. 9 - The all-party meeting convened by Chief Minister Siddharamaiah yesterday to discuss the fallout of the Supreme Court's verdict on the Cauvery issue unanimously decided to take a call on whether to seek a review of the court verdict and also finalise its stand on the nature of the dispute resolution forum, based on suggestions by the legal team, led by Fali S. Nariman.

Briefing reporters after the meeting, Siddharamaiah said the concerns of floor leaders of both the Houses of the Legislature and Legislators and MPs from the Cauvery basin had been heard. Their concerns would be conveyed to the legal team. However, there was no clarity on whether the dispute resolution mechanism meant constituting a Cauvery Water Management Board, he said.

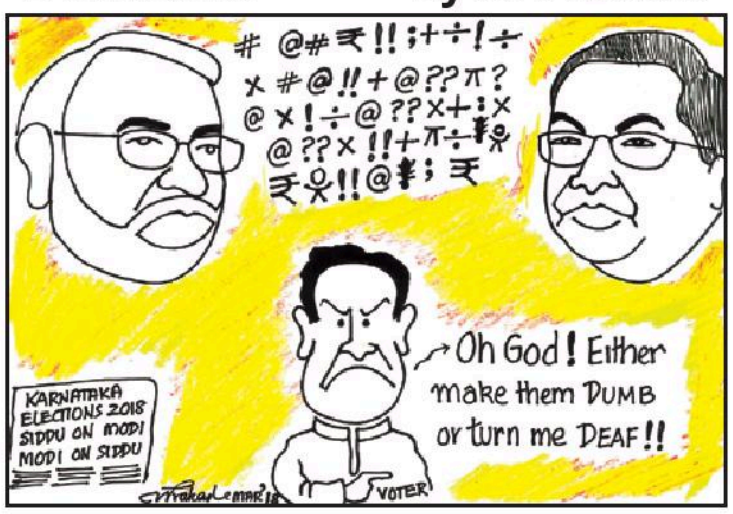
Water Resources Minister M.B. Patil explained that while the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal had referred to the formation of a board, the SC had only described it as a dispute resolution mechanism and had not defined its nature as well as its constitution.

He said there was time till March 18 to file a review petition, if at all the State chooses to file one.

The Supreme Court had pronounced its verdict on February 16, increasing Karnataka's share of Cauvery water from 270 tmcft to 284.75 tmcft. Of the additional 14.75 tmcft, the Apex Court had awarded 4.75 tmcft for drinking water requirements of Bengaluru, and the remaining earmarked for handling the State's irrigation needs.

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Jagadish Shettar, Bengaluru Central MP P.C. Mohan, JD(S) MP from Mandya, C.S. Puttaraju, and legislators Y.S.V. Datta, Basavaraj Horatti, and Srikantegowda took part in the meeting, in which Advocate-General Madhusudhan Naik briefed them on the Supreme Court verdict.

TEASER By N. Prakash



Thalassery-Mysuru Railway Line project

It's official: Centre has shelved controversial project, says Union Minister

Issue has to be resolved between Karnataka and Kerala

Piyush Goyal

Bengaluru, Mar. 9 - It's official. The Centre has shelved the vexatious Thalassery-Mysuru Railway Line project via South Kodagu which has run into opposition from environmentalists and people of Kodagu district.

The Railway Ministry has said that the issue has to be resolved between Karnataka and Kerala.

"As such the Railway Ministry is not pursuing the Thalassery-Mysuru Railway project and it is a bilateral issue between Karnataka and Kerala," Railway Minister Piyush Goyal said at a press conference after launching a mechanised laundry at Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station here yesterday.

"As the Kerala government proposed the project, Karnataka raised environmental concerns as the line would pass through an eco-sensitive zone. The two Sates have to resolve the issue and Karnataka should consent to the project before it makes headway," said Goyal.

Originally mooted by the Congress-led UPA, the project was shelved in 2011 owing to resistance from environmentalists in Karnataka, especially opposition from the people of hilly district of Kodagu.

The proposal was revived in January with the Centre giving in-principle nod to the project, triggering a fresh round of protests in Kodagu.

Goyal said Union Minister H.N. Ananth Kumar had represented the environmental concerns following which the Centre decided to go slow on the project.

Hike in journalist welfare scheme from Rs. 20 lakh to Rs. 1 crore

New Delhi, Mar.9 - The Information and Broadcasting (I&B) Ministry has made a five-fold increase in a journalist welfare scheme, which provides financial assistance to scribes and their families in times of 'extreme hardships,' from Rs. 20 lakh to Rs. 1 crore, an official said yesterday. The increase will be effective from April 1.

The scheme provides financial assistance up to Rs. 5 lakh to the family in case of death of a journalist, up to Rs. 5 lakh to the journalist in case of permanent disability, and up to Rs. 3 lakh towards the cost of treatment of major ailments which is not included under Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS), a source said.

"I&B Minister Smriti Irani felt that the current provision was not enough. Such a huge hike is made for the first time to avoid scarcity of fund for providing financial assistance to the journalists and their families," the source said.

Against the provision of Rs. 15 lakh in 2016-17, Rs. 25.88 lakh was disbursed during the period. From 2013-14 to 2016-17, the provision under the scheme was Rs. 15 lakh per fiscal. The amount was increased to Rs. 20 lakh for the current fiscal.

The scheme covers journalists accredited to the Press Information Bureau (PIB), State governments/UTs, and non-accredited journalists working for a minimum five continuous years either whole or part-time as news editor, reporter, photographer, cameraman and freelance journalist.

VOICE OF THE READER

Demonic Democracy?

Are we casual in dealing with serious issues?

Sir,

The attack on Karnataka Lokayukta Justice P. Vishwanath Shetty in his office speaks a lot about the casual attitude of our security system. This also reflects on the prevailing law and order situation in the State.

Why such incidents take place has a ready answer — convicts and criminals are patronised by the politicians and they are the shadow of our *netas*. These elements are sponsored and protected by the same people who, at times, become victims themselves. The main reason being, law is different to different people in this country.

The powerful and the rich can engage a battery of lawyers who can, if they cannot win the case, delay conviction during which period, they will have ample opportunity and time to influence the witnesses and destroy the evidences. It is sad, our society has become insensitive and shameless.

Criminals, it appears, have no shame. When arrested and being taken to custody, they exhibit the victory sign and jubilantly wave at the crowd and the media. Why can't the convicts be handcuffed irrespective of their status? At least, this will deter them from being jubilant.

We, as a nation, are casual in everything; unless severe punishment is imposed on criminals and bar them from holding public office, the country will continue to witness such incidents. It is sad, democracy has become 'demoncracy' in this country.

—MRG Murthy

Mysuru
7.3.2018

First time voter's woes

Sir,

Since I have completed 18 years of age, I submitted my details for inclusion of my name in the voters' list on 29th Dec.2017.

The zonal office of MCC gave a piece of unsigned paper as acknowledgement. Though announcement of dates for Karnataka elections are due anytime, youngsters like me are anxious to vote for the first time.

Despite several 'pilgrimage' to the MCC zonal office, there is no confirmation when the voter identity card will be sent to the new voters. It is requested that authorities concerned take immediate action to send the cards to the voters and justify the claims that this govt. is efficient and pro-people as claimed in various advertisements in the media.

—M.S. Avinash

Mysuru
5.3.2018

Pre-TechNIEks Bike Rally

Mysuru, Mar. 9- TechNIEks, the National-level Annual Techno-Cultural Fest of the National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, launched another Pre-technieks event — Bike Rally with the cause 'throttle for safety' recently.

The rally which began at NIE, passed through Five Light Circle, Ballal Circle, RTO, Ramaswamy Circle, Fire Brigade, Kukkarahalli Lake Road, KSOU, BM Habitat Mall, SJCE, Kuvempunagar and culminated at the starting point — NIE, covering a distance of 20 km.

Over 80 bikers participated in the rally that aimed at creating awareness about road safety among the general public.

Talk on 'Youth Empowerment'

Mysuru, Mar. 9- Vijay Foundation and Youth for Seva, Mysuru, have jointly organised a talk on "Youth Empowerment" by B.R.Pai, Chairman and Managing Director of VWF Industries Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru on Mar. 10 (Saturday) at 3.30 pm at Himalayan Salt Crystal Cave, Hebbal Industrial Area, Mysuru.

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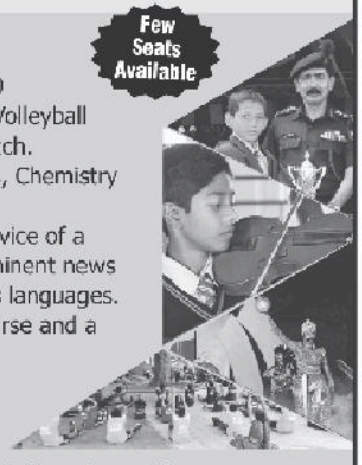

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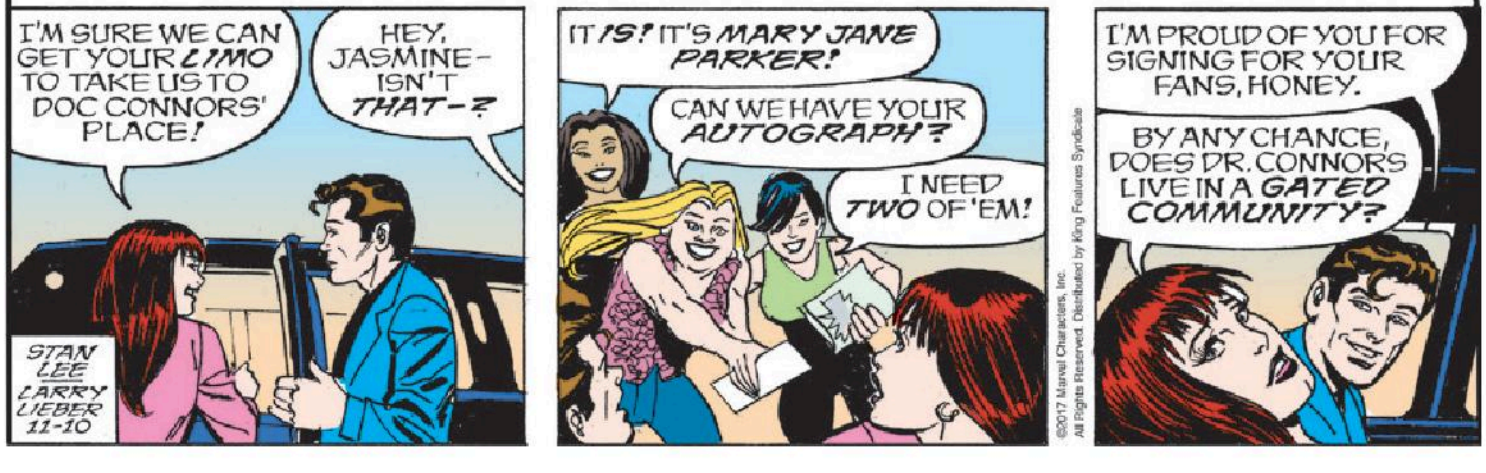
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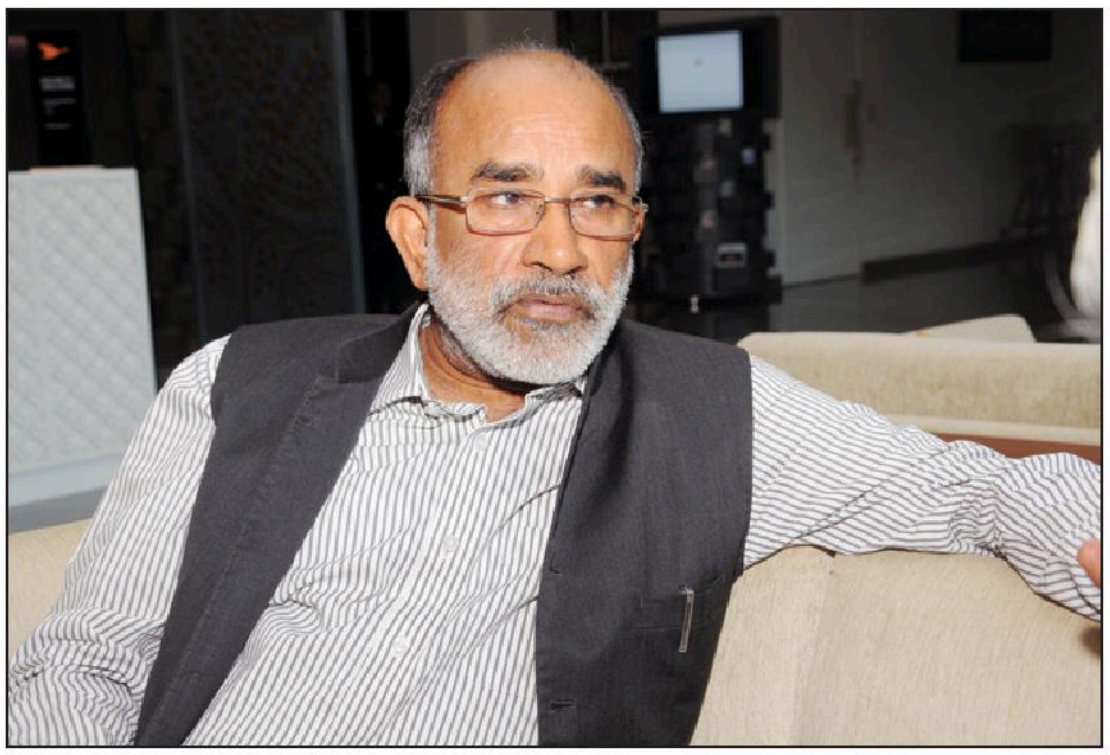
Interview of the Month

"Night Tourism in India interpreted as Night Clubs"

Says Union Tourism Minister K.J. Alphons

Tourism in the country benefits people in three ways; it creates employment, helps infrastructure development and generates revenue in foreign exchange. Mysuru, though has always been touted as a tourist destination, needs more push and the effort of a private enterprise, **Mysore Travel Mart,** in this direction is quite laudable. Union Minister of State for Tourism (with Independent charge) Alphons Joseph Kannanthanam had himself come all the way from New Delhi to inaugurate the event in Mysuru recently.

Star of Mysore Features Editor **N. Niranjan Nikam** caught up with the Minister at Hotel Grand Mercure for a brief chat and the suave, articulate, former bureaucrat spoke about converting Mysuru into Paris as promised by Narendra Modi in his 2014 election speech before he became the Prime Minister and his willingness to take Mysuru internationally… Excerpts. **—Ed**



By N. Niranjan Nikam

Star of Mysore (SOM): What is your opinion about Mysuru Travel Mart, a local initiative?

K.J. Alphons: I think it is a very good thing. I believe travel and tourism has been driven by local community. Therefore, this kind of local initiative is very good for us. Unless community at large is going to own up tourism nothing much is going to happen. And once community owns it up, everything is going to fall in place. There will be responsible tourism in terms of us looking after our own city, our own local products and for all that to happen the local community has to benefit and unless it benefits that kind of local involvement is not there.

People should come and stay here, savour the place and then they will do souvenir shopping. After all, Mysuru is famous for silk. And when they hire local autos and taxis even they will be benefited. It is also nice to see that it is a local initiative driven by local people and not a government initiative. Gone are the days when you expected everything from government, especially for tourism.

Our Prime Minister is very very clear that tourism has to be citizen-driven. All stakeholders must take responsibility because it is that kind of sector. That is why we returned Hotel Lalitha Mahal Palace back to the State Government. You run it locally, because we believe government should not be in the business of running hotels. We should facilitate but not run them.

We are kind of divesting all the 14 hotels we have except Hotel Ashoka in Delhi because it is too big a property to be divested. It is in the heart of Delhi on a 23-acre land. It is worth Rs. 5,000 crore, almost a million dollars.

SOM: The Prime Minister in his speech at Mysuru had promised to convert Mysuru to Paris. Is there any concrete plan formulated by the Ministry to achieve this goal? In fact today BBMP in Bengaluru has spoken about Times Square in New York model for Bengaluru on Brigade Road.

Alphons: All these are very good initiatives. Local authorities and State Government should take the initiative. Everything can't come from Delhi. I think it is a very good idea that Bengaluru has thought about converting Brigade Road into Times Square. I have been to Times Square many times. Brigade Road should just not be a place to run vehicles and allow them to run over people. It should be completely traffic-free, a place to relax and talk. There should be lot of walk-around and eating places.

Paris initiative is very good. We certainly want to do it. The Central and State governments should talk along with local authorities and see how we do it. It involves certain basic attitude. We want people and we want them to have a good time. We have to create right infrastructure like food parks, trees, parks, fountains, water cascades and river-front in Srirangapatna which can be developed into a nice water-front.

Mysuru is a model city. You have lot of things going for you like heritage, salubrious weather and tourist-friendly people. You must be really so focused and say tourism is going to be the mainstay of the economy. That kind of a decision has to be taken. The problem is, most State governments do not put in money for tourism and local bodies have no concept of tourism. Hence, they fail to create infrastructure, very often garbage is a major problem and security a main issue.

SOM: The Incredible India Campaign — both domestic and international — had done injustice to the State of Karnataka and Mysuru in particular. I hope that in the new campaign some justice is done for this city.

Alphons: Certainly. I have also decided to have State-specific, location-specific advertisements. We are willing to take Mysuru internationally, but I must tell you, it all depends on the kind of global, international basic infrastructure you create like I said earlier. If you are willing to do it then I will take it up.

You have to give me good stuff to advertise based on actual facts. You can't just say we have international standards and the tourists land up here and find that you don't have it. So all need to sit together and see what the gaps to be filled are.

What we find lacking is, you see for instance, all these heritage sights close by 5'O clock. Then what? Most tourists who come to India have to lock themselves up in the rooms. There is no evening entertainment. See, the big money comes from night entertainment, night tourism. That should be the big money spinner. When you say night tourism in India, people interpret it as night club. It is not even a small fraction of night life. If you can create proper environment at night, walk around, shop around, these are ideas that need to be worked on.

[Continued on page 17]

"If the Maharaja can create a separate identity, use him to promote tourism"

SOM: Mysuru had this kind of night life during the days of the Maharajas when they used to come back in the return procession during Dasara at night and thousands would gather to watch the fairyland atmosphere as the Maharaja on the elephant would fold hands and people would go gaga. From a groundnut seller up, everyone would make money. All the handicraft shops would be open till 2 am and tourists would make their purchases.

K.J. Alphons: You have the Maharaja! Go back to traditions. He can be used to be a part of Dasara celebrations. The old royalty and new elected democratic set up can all be a part of this. I am sure the Mysore Palace is still a big draw. Therefore, royalty can bring in tourists. Why don't you ask him? The Maharaja can create a separate identity and if he is bringing in tourists, then use him.

In the Pink...

Tabebuia roseo alba (a paler variant of the pink tabebuia), a rather rare tree in Mysuru which is now in full bloom at the Royal Inn Hotel in KRS Road. This tree, however, is plentiful in Bengaluru, especially on the Airport road. [Pic. by Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem].

Vidwat Samman for ten scholars

Vid. S.P. Kalaseshwara Bhat | Vid. Ganapathi | Vid.Hariveerabhadra | Vidu. Nagalakshmamma | Vid. Nagaraj

Vid. Dr.Hegde | Vid. Parameshwar | Vid. Manjunath | Dr. Anantanarasimhacharya | Vid.Srinivasmurthy

Mysuru, Mar.9 - The city's Veda Shastra Poshini Sabha will be conferring State-level Vidwat Samman to ten scholars at a programme to take place at Ganabharathi (Veene Seshanna Bhavan), Kuvempunagar at 4.30pm on Mar.11 (Sunday).

Veteran scholar and *Padmashri* awardee Bannanje Govindacharya will confer the award to the scholars.

THE AWARDEES

1. Vid. S.P. Kalaseshwara Bhat of Bengaluru: After retiring as Rigveda Professor at Government Chamarajendra Sanskrit College, Bengaluru, Kalaseshwara Bhat has continued to teach Vedas to students.

2. Vid. Ganapathi Ananta Bhat of Tumakuru: Having served as an Yajurveda Professor at Siddaganga Sanskrit College, Tumakuru, Ananta Bhat has trained over 1,500 students in Vedas. He has won many awards including 'Hindi Ratna'.

3. Vidwan Hariveerabhadra Sharma Ghanapati of Mysuru: He is teaching Krishna Yajurveda at Ganapathi Sachchidananda Veda School in city and has taught over 200 students. Besides, he has dedicated himself to the promotion of Vedas.

4. Vidu. M.C. Nagalakshmamma of Mysuru: A retired Sanskrit faculty of the city's Maharaja PU College, M.C. Nagalakshmamma is a scholar in 'Alankara' and 'Advaitha' Vedantas. She has inspired hundreds of women through her cultural, religious and spiritual discourse.

5. Vid. Bandagadde Nagaraj of Mangaluru: A former Sanskrit faculty of Ganapathi PU College in Mangaluru, Bandagadde Nagaraj has many works in Sanskrit and Kannada to his credit.

6. Vidwan Dr. V.D Hegde of Mysuru: A former Sanskrit Professor of University of Mysore, Dr. V.D. Hegde has written many books and articles on Sanskrit Grammar and Alankara Shastra.

7. Vid. Thimmanna Parameshwara Bhat Katte, Honnavar: After retiring as a faculty of Government Sanskrit College at Gokarna, Thimmanna Parameshwar Bhat has engaged himself in social service, teaching Agamokta practices to young students.

8. Vidwan Manjunath Narayan Bhat of Kumta: An expert in Shastragoshti and religious discourse, Manjunath Narayan Bhat retired as a faculty of the city's Maharaja Sanskrit College.

9. Swachhandam Dr. A. Anantanarasimhacharya of Bengaluru: A scholar in Krishnayajurveda and Vedanta, Dr. Anantanarasimhacharya retired as a Professor at Acharya Pathashala College, Bengaluru after serving for 34 years.

10. Vidwan Dr. C.H. Srinivasmurthy of Mysuru: A former Sanskrit faculty of Sarada Vilas College, he is currently engaged in teaching Veda, Upanishat, Mahabharatha etc. to students.

MLA's 'missing' daughter emerges as newly-wed

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (RK&BCT) - Bengaluru and Mysuru Police went into a tizzy yesterday after an MLA complained that his daughter had gone missing. But a probe proved otherwise: She had walked out of her home on her own will and got married to a film producer.

The girl, Lakshmi S. Naik (24), released a WhatsApp video yesterday afternoon, claiming she was a major and had married her friend Sundar Gowda, producer of Kannada film *Mastigudi.* She is the daughter of Mayakonda MLA (Congress) K. Shivamurthy Naik.

Police swung into action on Wednesday evening after the MLA and his wife Geeta informed Yelahanka New Town Police that their daughter had gone missing. The cops learnt that Lakshmi had gone to Mysuru and alerted their counterparts in the heritage city. Several hotels were searched but in vain.

The Police traced Sundar Gowda's relatives at a resort on Mysuru-Madikeri Road and they gathered information that their wedding is scheduled atop Chamundi Hill. A 40-member team of Police personnel, accompanied by the girl's mother, rushed to the resort for investigation only to find out that it was a trick to mislead them.

Later, the Police questioned the resort employees as they were not ready to believe that Lakshmi and Gowda weren't there. They checked the footage of the CCTV cameras only then were they convinced that the girl was not there. They later left towards Nagamangala in Mandya district after learning that the marriage was being held there.

While this was the scene in Mysuru, the couple were at Dakshina Kannada and had tied the knot in a temple there. Later photographs of her marriage with Gowda were flashed on TV channels. In the video, she said: "I and Sundar Gowda like each other and we left home on our own wish. I married him and will be very happy."

S. Girish, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Northeast division Bengaluru) said: "We have registered a missing case and tried to trace her. Later, we learnt she married a film producer on her own. We can't do anything as she is already a major."

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Echo of CAT staying Hassan DC Rohini Sindhuri's transfer

Randeep returns to Mysuru, assumes charge as DC

Bengaluru/Mysuru, Mar. 9 (RK&BCT) - Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) D. Randeep who was transferred as Hassan DC by the State Government has returned to Mysuru and assumed charge as the DC this morning following the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) staying the transfer of Hassan Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri.

In a major embarrassment to the Siddharamaiah government, Rohini Sindhuri's transfer was put on hold by the CAT. This was the second unsuccessful attempt by the State Government in the last two months to transfer Rohini. A few weeks ago, the Election Commission had stalled her transfer as she was involved in revision of electoral rolls.

Following the CAT stay, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep who was transferred as Hassan DC and who had left Mysuru yesterday to Hassan to take charge had to return to Mysuru along with his family from

D. Randeep

Rohini Sindhuri

Holenarasipura. As he had received the transfer orders, Randeep handed over the charge to Additional DC T. Yogesh in Mysuru yesterday morning and had proceeded towards Hassan.

As he neared Holenarasipura, Randeep got a message that the CAT has stayed the Hassan DC's transfer. He returned to Mysuru after having lunch at K.R. Nagar Travellers Bungalow. He returned to his office this morning as the post cannot be kept vacant. Vijayapura DC K.B. Shivakumar who has been appointed as Mysuru DC is yet to take charge.

Randeep is now in Periyapatna as a protocol Officer for Chief Minister Siddharamaiah's visit there. The officer has written a letter to Principal Secretary, Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms in this regard and has stated that he would wait for further orders.

On Mar. 7, the State Government transferred 12 IAS officers, including Rohini and posted her as Commissioner, Employment & Training Department in Bengaluru. Rohini approached the CAT Bench yesterday questioning her transfer, which she claimed is contrary to IAS regulations of two-year tenure. She was posted as Hassan DC in July 2017. The officer also contended that the transfer order, issued due to political pressure, is malicious, arbitrary and vindictive in nature.

The CAT Bench took up the officer's petition for hearing and issued the notice to the government. The Additional Advocate General said that the reply will be filed by Mar. 12 and the applicant will not be removed from the post of Hassan DC till Mar. 13, the date of next hearing.

Puravankara Home Fest inaugurated in city

Star of Mysore ***Managing Editor Vikram Muthanna is seen inaugurating Puravankara's 'BIG 72 Hours Home Fest' at a private hotel here this morning as other guests look on.***

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (KS) - Puravankara Ltd, one of the largest residential builders in India, has organised 'BIG 72 Hours Home Fest' from Mar. 9 to 11 in city.

The Home Fest was inaugurated by *Star of Mysore* Managing Editor Vikram Muthanna at a private hotel this morning.

According to Ashish R. Puravankara, Managing Director of Puravankara Limited, "Today, Mysuru is considered one of the most promising future cities in Karnataka. The stupendous growth of the IT industry has transformed the demography of this beautiful city. With a prevailing positive economic trend, we feel there is a huge pool of potential buyers in Mysuru who would like to invest in projects in Bengaluru. This is our first such initiative in Mysuru."

At 'BIG 72 Hours Home Fest' Puravankara will be showcasing all the projects from Puravankara (luxury homes) and Provident (premium affordable homes). The fest not only brings all the projects under one roof but also promises a plethora of offers to each home buyer. During the three days, there will be plenty of deals for the projects with prices expected to be offered at the lowest point in the recent months, spot and surprise offerings and much more.

The Home Fest offers a gamut of options to the home buyers to choose as per their need on all premium projects across Bengaluru such as Purva Skydale off Sarjapur Road, Purva Highland off Kanakapura Road, Purva Palm Beach off Hennur Road near Manyata Tech Park, Purva Sunflower on Magadi Road in Rajajinagar, Purva Westend, Kudlu Gate on Hosur Main Road, Provident Park Square, Judicial Layout on Kanakapura Road, Provident Sunworth, near Mysore Road, NICE Junction and The Tree by Provident off Magadi Road in Bengaluru.

AGM of Canara Bank, Mysuru Regional Office Geetha, Senior Vice-President (Sales), Purvankara Ltd. Avinash, Vice-President (Marketing) Dhruba Jyoti Ghosh and others were present.

The Home Fest is open to the public from 10 am to 10 pm on all three days. For more information call Ph: 080-44555555.

Visitors being briefed about the projects at Puravankara Home Fest.

Arka Dhama holds event on managing children

Founder of Centre for Conscious Awareness and International Speaker Srinivas Arka at the event at Kautilya Vidyalaya as School Principal Dr. L. Savitha *(second from left)* ***and others look on.***

Mysuru, Mar.9 (RKB&NNN)- In today's world, with so much of pressure on all sides, it is a huge challenge to bring up children and educate them, said Founder of Centre for Conscious Awareness and International Speaker Srinivas Arka.

He was speaking at the 'Intelligence Programme' organised by Arka Dhama, Bogadi at Kautilya Vidyalaya on the topic, "Understanding and Managing Children" here this morning.

He said that just as we sow the seed and nurture it and see it becoming a tree bearing fruits, the child also needs similar nourishment.

"We have to identify the strength of every child and encourage it to discover his/her own strength. In the process, the child will grow and become aware and knowledgeable of his/her own hidden talents," said Arka.

He also spoke about the global warming and its impact on environment. An interaction session followed with teachers, students and parents and in reply to a question, Arka said that man must strive to attain *Ananda* (bliss) and added that if there is no *Ananda* then there is no life.

To achieve this bliss, meditation is very important which will not only help to calm the mind but also help in facing exams, he said.

Arka Dhama Directors Rakhi, Sangeetha, Priya, Dipti Patel, Kalpana, Dharmesh, all from United Kingdom, Padma and Dinesh Lad from Canada and Sandeep from Mysuru and Principal of Kautilya Vidyalaya Dr. L. Savitha were present.

SC allows Passive Euthanasia

(Continued from page 1)

"How can a person be told that he / she does not have right to prevent torture on his body? Right to life includes right to die with dignity. A person cannot be forced to live on support of ventilator. Keeping a patient alive by artificial means against his/ her wishes is an assault on his/ her body," the petition said.

The Centre, however, had told the Court that the government had in principle decided to decriminalise attempt to suicide which at present is an offence punishable by up to one year jail term under Section 309 of Indian Penal Code (IPC).

Chandrashekar for NR as BJP candidate?

Chandrashekar

Bengaluru, Mar. 9- The Assembly election fever seems to have gripped the city with its three Constituencies — Chamaraja, N.R and K.R. — all set to be the playground for the three main political parties namely Congress, BJP and JD(S) with one more party likely to enter NR as it happened in the last 2013 election.

While the frontrunners are known in all these three Constituencies from the three mainline parties, there are new challengers too.

According to sources, the BJP which is now looking for a suitable candidate for the NR Constituency, as its expected candidate B.P. Manjunath, who had lost last time, is not interested and other aspirants are found not suitable, the State BJP is said to have preferred S. Chandrashekar, Chairman of MDCC Bank (Mysuru and Chamarajanagar), a former BJP member and now in Congress, who is willing to contest as BJP candidate. He is likely to join the BJP this evening in Bengaluru.

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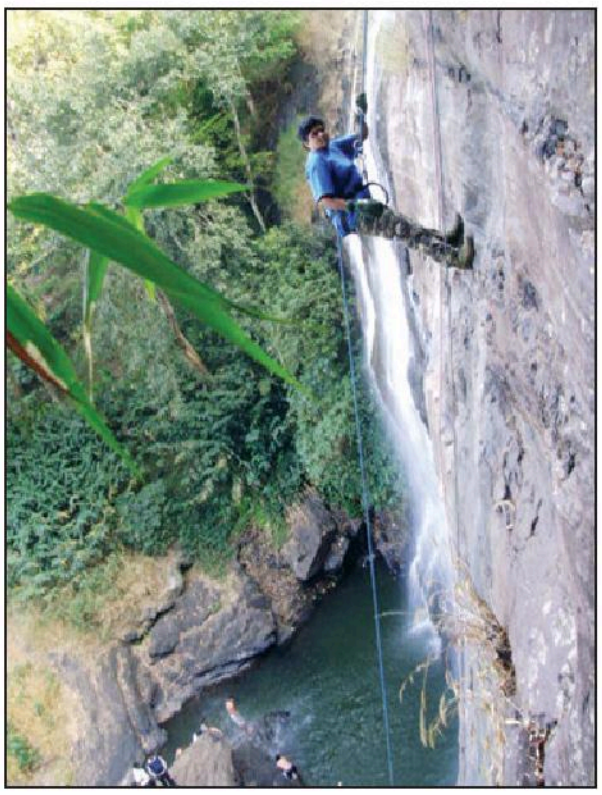
Adventure flows in her veins



By V. Shourabh

The biggest adventure is to live life off the edge, a life filled with dreams where there is a constant adrenalin rush in your blood and you conquer your inner fears and challenge yourself to extreme tasks. While there are many adventure enthusiasts across the country, here is a woman from Mysuru who has dedicated her life to adventure activities. This is her inspiring and gripping story.

Rukmini Chandran has scaled heights, conquered skies and ventured into less-travelled roads, all for the love towards adventure. She is an NCC Glider Pilot, first and only woman Parasailing Instructor in India, Paragliding Instructor and is trained in Free-Flight and Powered Hand Gliding.

She is also a terrestrial adventure sport instructor where she teaches Trekking, Rock Climbing and Rappelling, River Crossing and Mountaineering. As an Aqua Sports Instructor, she practices and imparts lessons in White Water Rafting, Kayaking, Water Surfing and Skiing.

As a young girl, Rukmini was an integral part of the Scouts and Guides. Eventually she joined NCC Army Wing. Her craving towards adventure kick-started from there. During NCC camps, she learnt Rifle Shooting, and excelled in it. She also mastered Trekking, Rock Climbing and Mountaineering after her training in Darjeeling.

When she was in her II PUC, she was a part of the first batch of the Girl's Air Wing in NCC and received training at Mandakalli Airfield (now Mysuru Airport). After her marriage in 1984 to **M. Chandran** (now late), her journey into adventure picked up pace. Her husband was also an adventure enthusiast and was the first Indian to test the Hand Glider from Chamundi Hill in 1977. He was deputed to the State Government (Youth Services and Sports Department) to train civilian youths through General Thimayya National Academy of Adventure (GETHNAA).

This was a huge transition in adventure sports, as until then (1989), it was available only for NCC cadets and Defence personnel. Rukmini says, "Since I was trained, I worked as an assistant to Chandran for the State Youth Centre as an Aero-Sports Instructor. I started an Adventure Club- 'Almanac Adventure Nest' in 1989. During those days, ropes were not available. I used to prepare cotton ropes and thermocol life jackets which had an element of risk. Then I was introduced to Water Sports at GETHNAA. I received advanced training in White Water Rafting, Kayaking, Wind Surfing, etc. As Kayaking boats were expensive, I started Country Rafting where I filled air in truck tubes, tied them with bamboos and travelled 15 kilometres from Visvesvaraya Canal at Pandavapura."

During her visit to Darjeeling, she saw several camping equipment and made up her mind to manufacture them using locally available materials for her adventure club. In 1999, she started stitching them.

It was in 2001 when Rukmini's life stared at her when her husband met with an accident during microlight flying and suffered brain injury. She now had the additional responsibility of taking care of her husband's health along with her three children. She managed this challenge with a practical approach.

She says, "In 2004, I started Nomads, a company that manufactured bags, adventure equipment, jackets, life jackets, college bags, laptop bags etc. It was IT boom then and employees were working hard during weekdays and escaped to wilderness during weekends. So there came a demand for outstation programmes and our club till date conducts adventure-based programmes for them as well as several private schools where they interact with nature, perform adventure activities and understand their strengths and weaknesses. I started generating revenue when I began my career as a woman entrepreneur".

Adventure sports is different from normal sports as you compete with self, overcome your fears and dare to participate in the sport where you feel racing heartbeats. But once conquered, the inner devils are left behind and a person tends to find himself immersed in the glory of achieving it. She adds, "Schools should introduce adventure sports as a specific subject in their curriculum just like the Army schools and it has proved to improve concentration, self-strength and discipline. I do not know why Government schools refuse such programmes in spite of it being completely State-sponsored. However, private schools come to us for activity camps. We organise group activities like building your own raft, country rafting, trekking, rock climbing and other sports."

In 2004, National Adventure Foundation recognised Almanac Adventure Nest as a Karnataka Chapter for adventure and Rukmini was appointed as the Director for Karnataka Chapter and she became the first-ever woman Director. In 2015, she took loans and bought six Juki stitching machines from Japan to stay on par with her competitors who produced adventure-related equipment.

She wants women to be self-sustainable and conducts self-employment training, skill upgradation programmes and promotes women empowerment. Rukmini has been recognised and honoured by Chamber of Commerce, State Cooperatives, Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Electrical and Electronics Manufacturers Association, Government of Thailand, etc.

"Mysuru is a tourist hub but the youth needs a change. We have been promoting only Palace and Zoo. Aero Sports like Paragliding, Parasailing and Microlight Flying first started here. But everything stopped since 2008 just because a couple of accidents took place due to their own negligence. Instead, they should cancel the licence of that particular negligent organisation. Permission must be given to registered clubs with a fixed fee amount and insurance should be ensured. Even trekking and rock climbing in Chamundi Hill has been stopped. There is a huge need for an adventure park in Mysuru."

On her part, Rukmini has been making consistent efforts by writing to the government to revive adventure sports in city ▪

Centralised accounting system to be implemented at Nanjangud Temple soon

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (KS)- Following irregularities at Sri Srikanteshwara Temple in Nanjangud and arrest of temple employee for misusing the funds by producing fake bills for a number of services at the temple, the District Administration has planned to introduce 'Centralised Accounting System' soon.

In future, the temple authorities will have to produce computer generated bills and receipts for the payments received by the devotees for pujas and other services offered at the temple.

A committee under Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Executive Officer K.M. Prasad with Muzrai Department Tahsildar S.N. Yathiraj Sampathkumaran, Manager of Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry S. Govindaraju and Executive Officer of Sri Chamundeshwari Temple S. Nagaraj as members has been formed by the District Administration which

will come out with a list of steps to be taken to bring in transparency and for computerisation of the billing system.

The committee, which studied the manual billing system, came up with a list of various pujas and rituals being performed in the temple and the fee for them.

The fee of Rs. 30 for Special Entrance and Rs. 100 for Direct Entry were also taken into account by the committee besides recording the systems in place for donation of sarees, dhotis, gold, silver etc. by the devotees. The committee has also taken into account the cost involving in the distribution of *prasadam*.

The committee, after a thorough analysis, has suggested the District Administration that implementation of a Computerised Billing System and online booking of services and facilities at the temple including the Girija Kalyana Mahotsava, would bring in transparency and cited the adoption of online facilities at Male Mahadeshwara Temple at M.M. Hills and at Kukke Subramanya Temple in Dakshina Kannada as examples.

The Committee has suggested that the same model be adopted at Nanjangud Temple besides suggesting to include fees collection for footwear stand and *prasadam* in the system.

The Deputy Commissioner who has confirmed the submission of the report by the committee, said that the committee's recommendations would be implemented in the next three months.

Hazarath Khwaja Garib-un-Nawaz Chatie celebration tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (KS) - Hazarath Khwaja Garib-un-Nawaz Chatie celebration will be held on Mar. 10 (tomorrow) at Darga Shariff of Hazarath Syed Shah Mohd. Umere-e-Mehzar Khadree Shatari and Hazarath Syed Shah Dastagir, Badamakhan near Tipu Circle at 9 pm.

Fatha Khawni will be held at 7 pm followed by mass feeding at 8 pm. Mehfil Sama Khani programme will be held by international fame qawal artist Murad Athish and troupe from Muradabad in Uttar Pradesh later.

For details, contact Hazarath Moulana Ghouse Peer Shatarie on Mob: 81234-74220 or 78927-33917.

Short circuit destroys electronic gadgets

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (SBD&KS) - Short circuit has destroyed electronic gadgets at many houses and shops at Mahadeshwara Layout in city yesterday afternoon.

Yesterday at about 3 pm, an explosion sound was heard and within seconds, electronic gadgets such as TV, computer, Xerox machine, CFL bulbs, mobile phone chargers and other electronic gadgets in houses and shops between 8th and 11th Main Roads were destroyed.

Following the incident, power supply was disrupted and the residents lodged a complaint with CESC. The officials and staff of CESC, who arrived at about 6 pm, three hours after the incident, restored the power supply.

Drinking water unit opened at Bylakuppe

Bylakuppe, Mar.9 (US&RJ)- A pure drinking water unit set up at a cost of Rs. 8 lakh by Manchadevanahalli (Periyapatna Taluk) Milk Producers Co-operative Union was inaugurated by MYMUL Director P.M. Prasanna recently.

Speaking on the occasion, Prasanna assured that an honest attempt would be made to ensure that milk producers get the required benefits.

He said that *Janashri* scheme was introduced for milk producers to help the family members in the event of death.

Milk Producers Union CEO J.V. Vishwanath and producers who are providing more quantity of milk were felicitated on the occasion.

Union Vice-President Naganayaka, ZP Member Shylaja, Development Officer Puttaswamy and others were present.

Miscreants torch car in city

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (YDS&KS) - A car which was parked in front of a house was torched by miscreants at Medar Block in city.

It is reported that Mahadewaswamy, a resident of Medar Block had parked his Swift Dezire car (KA-18-C-1675) in front of his house at about 8 pm on Tuesday and went to sleep.

At about 2 am, he woke up on hearing the neighbours calling out his name and when he went out to check, he saw his car on fire and with the help of his neighbours he managed to douse the fire with water. But the fire had already destroyed the rear portion of the car. He later lodged a complaint at Mandi Police Station in this regard.

Mandi Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Octogenarian goes missing

Lakshmamma

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (KS) - An 85-year-old woman, a resident of Kumbarakoppal 5th Cross here, who had been to K.T. Street for work has been reported missing from Feb. 27 in city.

The missing woman identified as Lakshmamma is 6 ft. tall, normal built, wheatish complexioned and was wearing a saree at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing person, may contact Lashkar Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418327 or contact Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Obituary

Savithramma

Mysuru, Mar. 9- Savithramma (75), wife of late J. Mylariah, passed away this morning at her J.P. Nagar residence, following brief illness.

She leaves behind three sons, daughters-in-law, grand children and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed this afternoon at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

Annapoornamma

Annapoornamma, wife of former MLA and Advocate H. Gangadharan and a resident of Vishnuvardhana Road in Chamarajapuram here passed away on Thursday night.

She leaves behind her husband, two sons, daughters-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

The body was kept at her residence for public viewing and last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Vidyaranyapuram here this afternoon, according to family sources.

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Renovated Gandhi Square to be inaugurated tomorrow

Siddharamaiah

Mysuru, Mar.9 (RK& NNN)-Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has renovated Gandhi Square located in the heart of the city at a cost of Rs. 32.4 lakh and the same will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Siddharamaiah on Mar.10.

MUDA Chairman D. Dhruvakumar had taken the initiative to convert the Square with the statue of Mahatma Gandhi in it into a heritage circle. The wall around the Circle which was in a dilapidated condition has been renovated and new iron grills have been installed. The pathway is laid with granite inside the Circle.

New steps have been put up and kerb stones are laid neatly all round the Circle which has enhanced the beauty of the Circle.

The civil works have cost Rs.24.5 lakh and Rs.6.20 lakh has been spent on electrical cables and to add to the beauty, heritage lamp posts with LED bulbs have been installed. A garden has been created around the Mahatma Gandhi statue at a cost of Rs.1.70 lakh.

"The work allotted through tender was bagged by contractor N. Umesh and the total cost of the project is Rs.32.4 lakh. He began the work in Nov. 2017 and completed it this month," said MUDA Assistant Executive Engineer Lakshmeesh, who was in charge of the works to *Star of Mysore*.

Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi had visited this place during the freedom struggle to meet the freedom fighters. The Circle was named in memory of his visit as Gandhi Square. Since the Circle was not properly maintained, MUDA had decided to renovate it, said MUDA Chairman Dhruvakumar.

He told *Star of Mysore* that the Square now reflected the heritage concept of the city. CM Siddharamaiah will inaugurate it on Mar.10, he added.

CM to distribute Lalithadrinagar sites

The sites in Lalithadrinagar (North) Layout developed by MUDA will be distributed to the applicants by draw of lots near the overhead tank at the layout on Mar.10 at 10.30 am.

The information letter to the site applicants have already been sent through post by MUDA. But this does not include the aspirants of 'H' category sites.

If the information letter has not reached the site applicants then they should treat the advertisement released in newspapers as an official invite and participate in the programme, said MUDA Commissioner P.S. Kantharaj.

CM on two-day dist. tour

Mysuru, Mar. 9- Chief Minister Siddharamaiah is on a two-day tour of the district from today. The CM, who landed at Government Junior College helipad in Periyapatna at 11.30 am today, laid the foundation stone and inaugurated various development projects in the town.

He then proceeded to Hunsur town by road to launch development works at 3 pm. He will leave Hunsur at 6 pm and reach Mysuru by road. At 7 pm, he will inaugurate the hostel rooms and skill development rooms at Shakthidhama premises on Ooty Road and will stay overnight in the city.

Busy schedule: On Mar.10, Siddharamaiah will inaugurate a slew of projects that have been lined up for him by the District Administration. The CM will take part in the draw of lots for allotment of site numbers at Lalithadripura North Layout at a programme organised by MUDA at Lalithadrinagar at 10.30 am, following which, he will inaugurate the new DC's office that has come up in German Press premises in Siddarthanagar at 11 am. He will inaugurate the new auditorium at Administrative Training Institute (ATI) and will lay the foundation stone for Gandhi Bhavan in the same premises.

He will thereafter dedicate the newly built 350-bed Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences & Research at 12 noon and will also inaugurate the Nephro Urology Unit at 12.30 pm followed by the inauguration of Trauma Centre and Super Speciality Hospital. The programme will be held from 12 to 2.30 pm .

The CM will lay the foundation stone for upgradation of Government PU College located in Morarji Desai Residential School premises at Hosakote in Nanjangud taluk and later inaugurate KPTCL's 66/11 KV Gas Insulin Station in Saraswathipuram .

This will be followed by laying the foundation stone for 100-bed upgradation of MCH Hospital and will lay the foundation stones for Yoga College, boys hostel at Kuvempunagar and Thonachikoppal and Soligara Bhavana at Kyatamaranahalli in city. Siddharamaiah will later lay the foundation stone for Gandhi Vichara Parishat at the MUDA site close to Apollo Hospital at 3.30 pm, following which he will take part in the Centenary celebrations and inauguration of the new building of the Muslim Co-operative Bank on New Sayyaji Rao Road at 4.30 pm.

The CM will thereafter inaugurate the new City Police Commissioner's Office building at 6 pm, and will fly back to Bengaluru from Mysore Airport at 8 pm.

The new Police Commissioner's Office which will be inaugurated tomorrow.

Chief Minister to dedicate Convention Hall in Hebbal

Mysuru, Mar.9 (SBD&NNN)-The new Convention Hall constructed by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) at Hebbal 2nd Stage near Sankranti Circle at a cost of about Rs. 3 crore will be dedicated to the public on Mar.10.

The convention hall named as Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Convention Hall is next to the old Samudaya Bhavan.

The hall can accommodate more than 500 people at a time and can be used for weddings, engagements and other functions. The hall measures about 9096 sq.ft. and a stage for the marriage ceremony can easily be built. There are two rooms for the bride and the groom on either side of the stage.

In the second floor, there are four rooms and two common bathrooms. In the cellar, which is about 8068 sq.ft. there is a dining hall, kitchen, four store rooms and separate area for cleaning vessels. At a time, 400 people can eat in the dining hall.

There is also ample parking space for vehicles. The work on the building was completed in one-and-a-half years. Even the Samudaya Bhavan belonging to the MUDA is being renovated.

The residents of Hebbal now need not have to go far in search of choultries to hold functions.

245 betel leaf growers to get lands on Mar.10

Mysuru, Mar.9 (MTY&DM)-District Minister Dr.H.C. Mahadevappa has said that 245 families which had been cultivating Mysuru Betel leaves for generations at '*Yele Thota*' would soon get title deeds for five guntas of land each.

While 150 of them would get the lands at the Sewage Farm in Vidyaranyapuram, 95 others would get lands at an alternative location at Machanahalli on the outskirts of the city.

The farmers had been demanding for the lands, as the '*Yele Thota*' had been used by the erstwhile CITB for various purposes, including dumping of garbage.

Addressing press persons after the inspection of lands and Ashokapuram area on Tuesday, Dr. Mahadevappa said that Chief Minister Siddharamaiah will distribute the title deeds to the beneficiaries on Mar.10.

The distribution of title deeds is a result of the demands of the people over the past four decades, he added.

Continuing, the Dr. Mahadevappa said in view of giving a facelift to Ashokapuram area, the MCC as drawn a plan to improve civic amenities at a cost of Rs. 22 crore.

While the Public Works Department (PWD) has released Rs. 10 crore, MUDA has agreed to sanction Rs. 12 crore, the Minister said and added that the PWD will be spending Rs. 5 crore for the construction of a stadium on Siddhartha School Ground.

MLA M.K. Somashekar, former Mayors Purushotham and Ayub Khan and others were present.

Weekend Music concerts at Nadabrahma on Mar.10, 11

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha has organised two endowment programmes this weekend — Mar.10 and 11 at 6 pm.

On Mar.10, **Vidu. Koviladi R. Kala** is presenting a vocal concert for Gunamba Nanjaraje Urs endowment. She will be accompanied by **R. Achyuta Rao** on violin, **G.S. Ramanujan** on mridanga and **C.A. Raghunandan Rao** on ghata.

Koviladi R. Kala hails from a renowned musical family from Tamil Nadu. Father was an established musician Koviladi Rangarajan. She has done her graduation in Music from Madras University and certificate in music from Tamil Nadu. She is presently settled at Mysuru for quite sometime.

She is a graded artiste of AIR & Doordarshan & has been performing for over three decades. She is a good teacher has groomed many students. She has been performing all over the country & has received many accolades and recognition.

The programme is sponsored by Harin Nanjaraje Urs.

Koviladi R. Kala *M.D. Pallavi*

On Mar.11, the popular multifaceted artiste **M.D. Pallavi** is enthralling the audience through her Hindustani Vocal and Vachana Gayana. She will be supported by **Gurumurthy Vaidya** on tabla and **Rohith Bharadwaj** on harmonium.

Smt. Indiradevi Veerappa Praphullachandra Memorial Concert is sponsored by V. Praphullachandra. M.D. Pallavi, also known as Pallavi Arun, is a Kannada Sugama Sangeetha Singer (Playback singer), actor and TV anchor. She is married to Arun, a musician and music director.

She won the Karnataka State Film Awards for Best Playback Singer in 2006 and 2007 for her song "Nodayya Kwate Lingave" sung in the 2007 film 'Duniya.'

Pallavi started training in Hindustani classical music. Pallavi continued classical music training in Bengalure under Pandit Rajbhau Sontakke, a disciple of musicologist Pandit Omkarnath Thakur of the Gwalior Gharana.

Her training advanced through learning Sugama Sangeeth under late Mysore Ananthaswamy and later under late Raju Ananthaswamy.

Pallavi has been actively involved in the theatre since her early years. She worked in the production of street plays and acted in stage plays, including *Hamlet, Maanishaadha,* etc.. She has been a faculty member for several theatre workshops. Behind the curtain she worked on productions for her grandfather, A.S. Murthy. Pallavi worked behind the camera for single episodes of two television series. She acted in the television show *Mayamruga* and the popular television show *Garva.* She won the Aryabhatta "Best Actress" award. She also acted with Umashree in National award winning Kannada movie *Gulabi Talkies.*

Pallavi worked behind the screen as dubbing artist also. Her notable movies includes *Edegarike, Aa Dinagalu, Aishwarya, Meera Madhadava Raghava.*

State-level inter-collegiate competitions tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar.9 - JSS College of Pharmacy is organising a State-level inter-collegiate competition on Mar.10 at 10 am at Rajendra Auditorium in SS Nagar.

More than 12 Pharmacy Colleges from all over the State are participating in the events that include group dance, group song, fusion dance, mad ads and pharma quiz. Film actor Nirup Bhandari will be the guest of honour. JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research Registrar Dr. B. Manjunatha will be the chief guest, according to a press release from the Principal of JSS College of Pharmacy.

Bird census on Mar.11 at Ranganathittu

Mysuru, Mar.9-The first-ever bird census to be conducted by Forest Department at Ranganathittu Sanctuary, which was to be held on Mar.4, will now be held on Mar.11 at 6 am. The census was postponed due to the untimely demise of Conservator of Forest S. Manikandan on Mar.3 at Nagarahole when a wild elephant trampled him to death. Bird Watcher Group and other ornithologists numbering more than 50 will participate in the census.

As a prelude to the census, a workshop will be held on Mar.10 at 3.30 pm at Aranya Bhavan auditorium in city. For details call Mob: 94109-56294.

Free health check-up

Mysuru, Mar.9- A free health check-up camp has been organised by Ursu Mandali Sangha, Tyagaraja Road, on Mar.10 at 10.30 am at its Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Samudaya Bhavan. Dr. N.D. Krishne Urs, who has settled in America, will participate in the camp and also inaugurate yogasana, pranayama and meditation classes.

Yoga expert K.K. Nanjunda Raje Urs will impart training in yoga for 45 days to the members of Ursu Mandali and others at its premises from 6 pm to 7 pm, according to a press release from the Honorary Secretary.

Kick-boxers excel at Natl. Championship

Mysuru, Mar.9- A total of 23 kick-boxers of Academy of Self Defense (ASD) represented Karnataka in the National-level Kickboxing Championship and have bagged 16 medals in the WAKO India Kickboxing Federation Cup which was held recently at Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi.

RESULTS

1. G.D. Adithya - Gold Medal (Junior Div. - Musical Form); **2.** P. Arvind - Gold (Senior Men - Light Contact); **3.** M.N. Tejas - Gold (Senior Men - Kick Light); **4.** K. Srinidhi - Gold (Senior Men - Light Contact; **5.** S. Sunil - Gold (Senior Men - Full Contact); **6.** Rithvik Nagabhushan - Gold (Junior Div. - Point Fighting); **7.** M. Koustabh - Silver (Junior Div. - Point Fighting); **8.** R. Santhosh - Silver (Senior Men - Light Contact); **9.** K. Dhanush - Silver (Senior Men - Light Contact); **10.** M. Koustabh - Silver (Junior Div. - Light Contact); **11.** B. Pourush - Bronze (Senior Men - Low Kick); **12.** Vishal Bharath - Bronze (Senior Men - Low Kick); **13.** M.R. Siddesh - Bronze (Senior Men - K-1); **14.** C.J. Suhas - Bronze (Senior Men - Low Kick); **15.** M.K. Sanjay Kumar - Bronze (Senior Men - K-1); **16.** C.S. Cheerath - Bronze (Senior Men - Kick Light).

ITF's 15,000$ Bhopal Tennis Tourney

City's Dhruthi shocks
Riya to enter semi-finals

Bhopal, Mar. 9- Mysuru-based Dhruthi T. Venugopal representing India and taking part in ITF 15,000$ women's tennis tourney at Bhopal scored an upset win over higher rated Riya Bhatia of India 6-3, 7-6 (2) on Thursday in a match which lasted for one hour and forty-one minutes.

Dhruthi, playing an attacking game on both the flanks, capitalised on the unforced errors made by her rival. Serving well, Dhruthi had 4 aces in the match and had 64% of her first serves in and won 60% of her service games. Riya Bhatia served badly and had 12 double faults in the match. Riya had a first serve percentage of 53% and only won 54% of her service games.

Dhruthi will meet second seeded Mihalikova Tereza (Slovakia) in the semi-finals, while in the other semis, India's Kanika Vaidya will take on Great Britain's Emily Webley-Smith.

Central Excise India F2 Futures Men's Tennis

Karunuday Singh scores over Suraj Prabodh

Kolkata, Mar.9- Karunuday Singh of India, taking part in the Central Excise 15,000$ ITF men's tennis tournament in Kolkata on Thursday, scored a 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 win over Mysuru lad Suraj R. Prabodh and entered the semi-finals in the men's singles event at the Bengal Tennis Association's Courts.

In a tie which lasted for one hour and fifty eight minutes, Karunuday Singh served well with 6 aces in the match and won 79% of his service games and outsmarted his rival who had a first serve percentage of 69% only.

RESULTS

Quarter-finals: Men's singles: Khade Arjun beat Ly, Hoang Nam (Vie) 7-6(3), 6-4, Saketh Myneni beat Sasi Kumar Mukund 6-3, 6-3, Boulda-Purkiss, Carlos (Esp) beat Lo, Chien Hsun (Tpe) 6-4, 5- (retd), Karunuday Singh beat Suraj R. Prabodh 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Tiny-tots enjoy 'Sports Carnival' with parents and grandparents

Mysuru, Mar.9- "Health is the most important aspect in the growing years of students. Parents have to ensure right food habits for all," said Kantharaj, Physical Cultural Educator, Yuvaraja's College, in his inaugural address, during the 'Sports Carnival' held at Rainbow Public School campus in city.

Grand parents and parents participated in different sports defying age barriers. The tiny-tots too had a wonderful time involving themselves in various sports and games.

RJ Deepak of Red FM 93.5 compered the entire show with his witty dialogues.

Prizes were distributed to all winners by the chief guest. C.A. Cariappa, Secretary and Sujani Cariappa, Principal, were present along with all staff.

Mysuru Athlete wins Gold

Mysuru, Mar. 9- City's athlete M. Yogendra (Superintendent of Central Tax and Customs, Bengaluru) has won the 1500m gold medal in the Men's 50 Plus category at the 50th All India Central Revenue Sports Meet held at Sree Kanteerava Stadium, Bengaluru, on Mar.5.

Meanwhile, Vihan Karla of Rajasthan has won the silver and Narendra Singh Dahiya of Delhi won the bronze.

St. Philos' Hockey and Basketball teams excel in Inter-Zonal Tourney

St. Philomena's College (Autonomous) Hockey team won the Mysore University Inter-Zonal Inter-Collegiate Tournament. Seen are *(sitting from left)* ***David Kerketta (Captain), Harshita, V. Deepa, Christopher (Physical Director), Dr. T. Ruth Shantha Kumari (Principal), Rev. Fr. Bernard Prakash (Rector/Manager), Sanjay Nair, Sade Bose, C. Anand, Prakash Arulappa;*** *(2nd row)* ***Francis Deva Sahayam, Siraj Kiro, Ayan Ali, Pratap Minz, Nithan, Biman Kullu, Bipin Kiro, Xavier Kullu, Roshan D'Souza;*** *(3rd row)* ***Birender Markey, Deepsan Barla, Jailash Dung Dung, Mathew Tirkey and Prashant Kujur. Picture right shows Basketball Team of the College which won the third place in Mysore University Inter-Zonal Inter-Collegiate Tournament.*** *— (1st row sitting extreme left)* ***Zabi Ulla Shariff (Captain);*** *(2nd row from left)* ***Swamynathan, Francis Deva Sahayam, Antonin Vergnes, Rohit Minz, M. Fathi Raj, Tashi Dhondup, Joshua Vanlalthlanga, David Kerketta, Benjamin Lalhruiazelazela, M. Rajkumar, Mohammed Anaz and Thupten Norbu.***

"Night Tourism in India interpreted as Night Clubs"

Union Tourism Minister K.J. Alphons interacting with a stall owner at Mysore Travel Mart.

[Continued from page 8]

SOM: If our local officials take initiative and send some detailed project reports for some tourism projects through the Department of Tourism, would your Ministry approve it ?

Alphons: We will have to sit down and see. We have *Swadesh Darshan* and *Prasad* schemes under which we finance a lot of stuff especially for creation of infrastructure. I don't think any proposal from Mysuru has come. Nothing is before us.

SOM: In spite of being a tourist destination, Mysuru does not have its own convention centre, can anything be done about it?

Alphons: That is one thing we need to create under PPP mode wherein the government will give the land on long term lease, say 99-year-old lease and collect a lease fee spread over 100 years. If you give it on lease and it is very high then nobody would be interested.

Follow the Madhya Pradesh model wherein you collect the lease fee over a period of 25 years or 50 years, so the land comes virtually free. This has to be done by the State government as they are in possession of the land. They should give out land on long term lease and the lease fee collected over a long period of time to build a Convention Centre and then private sector will come to do it. After all this, if economics does not work out, we are willing to put in some money, which is the viability gap and the Centre is willing to pay for it.

SOM: The biggest hurdle facing the tourism industry is multiple taxes for tourist vehicles. If there is a single entry tax for South India, this problem can be resolved to a large extent feel the people in the industry?

Alphons: No, I will take it up. This is an issue which concerns all the State Governments in South India. So all of them have to sit down and decide and take a decision. But we don't mind taking it up provided there is a representation given to me in writing about this issue. Then I can consult the State governments. But it is the State governments who have to work.

SOM: Mysuru deserves an international project to preserve its heritage city status. For instance, two important landmarks Devaraja Market and Lansdowne building are lying in a state of neglect and they are in the process of being demolished. Hence, if good money of at least Rs.100 crore is sanctioned, such buildings can be restored, feel the experts. Can something be done about it?

Alphons: These have to be done by local and State governments. Is Lansdowne building an archaeological heritage site of the State or of the ASI (Archaeological Survey of India)? If it belongs to ASI, then I can ask the Centre to do it.

SOM: What is happening to tourism in the country?

Alphons: We are doing very well. Last year the foreign tourist inflow has crossed ten million which is an increase of 10.5 per cent over the previous year and the income has gone up by 20.5 per cent which is 27 billion dollars — equivalent to Rs. 1,80,000 crore. We provide about 7 per cent of GDP of the country and provide 12.36 per cent of employment.

Special meeting of UoM

Mysuru, Mar. 9 - A special meeting of the Academic Council of University of Mysore (UoM) to discuss about holding of the 98th Convocation, is being held on Mar.12 at 8.30 am at Crawford Hall, said the Registrar in a press release.

Dak Adalat on Mar.12

Mysuru, Mar.9- Postal Department is conducting Dak Adalat on Mar.12 at 11 am at the Office of the Senior Superintendent of Posts, Yadavagiri. Consumers who have complaints can submit it in writing to the Senior Superintendent's Office before Mar.10, according to a press release from the Post Office.

Nature orientation camp for children

Mysuru, Mar. 9- SPAN (Society for Promotion of Adventure & Nature Awareness) in its Silver Jubilee Year is organising 4-day adventure, nature and leadership camp, *The Leading Edge Camp,* for children aged 10-17 years in Western Ghats region. The 36th camp will be held from Mar.29 in Kodachadri hill ranges and Agumbe region in Western Ghats. The camp includes trekking and camping in tents, nature trails and visits to interesting places around. For more details and registration, contact Sridhar, Director-SPAN on Mob:9845188991.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Scarify

Pronunciation: SKAIR-uh-fye (verb)

Meaning: To make scratches or small cuts in (something, such as the skin).

Origin: You get two words for the price of one with scarify. The first scarify appeared in English in the 15th century with the meaning "to make scratches or cuts in" and later developed a figurative application of "cutting" someone emotionally. This word is ultimately derived from a Greek verb meaning "to scratch an outline." The second homograph turned up in the late 18th century and gained currency by the 20th century. This scarify was formed by combining scare with -ify, possibly as a combination of scare and terrify, and it predictably means "to scare or frighten."

Example: Recent harvests on city-owned land have removed on average about 50 percent of the standing biomass, which is not low-impact forestry. It is done with large, commercial-scale logging equipment that reduces biodiversity and scarifies the forest soil." — Ralph Baker, The Sentinel & Enterprise (Fitchburg, Massachusetts), 18 July 2017.

THE ODD WORD

Tzimmes

Fuss; uproar; hullabaloo: He made such a tzimmes over that mistake!

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Fall on your sword

Meaning: Commit suicide or offer your resignation.

Origin: It's been some time since men routinely carried swords and the use of 'falling on one's sword' is now restricted to the figurative usage when someone takes personal responsibility for a group action. The expression was used widely following the resignation of Lord Peter Carrington, who resigned from his post as Foreign Secretary for the Thatcher government in 1982, following Argentina's invasion of the Falkland Islands. He was the last high-profile politician in the UK to take personal responsibility in such circumstances. The actual practise of committing suicide by falling on one's sword dates back to ancient Rome. Plutarch records such a death in The Life of Brutus: Finally, he [Brutus] spoke to Volumnius himself in Greek, reminding him of their student life, and begged him to grasp his sword with him and help him drive home the blow. And when Volumnius refused, and the rest likewise ... grasping with both hands the hilt of his naked sword, he fell upon it and died. The above account was published in English in 1918.

The expression is the Anglicized equivalent of hara-kiri - the Japanese samurai custom of committing suicide by disembowelment with a sword rather than face the dishonour of surrender.

QUOTE BOX

It appears to be a law that you cannot have a deep sympathy with both man and nature. **—Henry David Thoreau**

RIDDLE THIS

What starts with “e,” ends with “e,” and contains one letter?

Answer: An envelope.

SUDOKU

				4	8		2	
	4			9		8		
	5				6		1	
1								7
8	7						5	3
3								6
	6		4				7	
		9		6			3	
	8		9	2				

Answer to previous puzzle

9	1	3	2	6	8	7	4	5
8	6	5	7	4	3	1	2	9
4	7	2	5	1	9	8	3	6
6	2	9	4	7	5	3	1	8
5	4	8	9	3	1	6	7	2
7	3	1	6	8	2	9	5	4
1	8	6	3	5	4	2	9	7
2	5	7	1	9	6	4	8	3
3	9	4	8	2	7	5	6	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Son of Lord Rama and Sita
5 Hinged rods of umbrella frame
9 Law enforcement agency
12 Old time singer Paul ___
13 A pile of things
14 Dilip Kumar and Nadira's love story of 1952
15 He seldom tells the truth
16 Young horse which is 365 days old, should we say?
18 Superlative, excessive or drastic
20 ____ one's views: say what one has to say openly?
21 In short, I have
22 __ the bat : attacks the ball wildly
25 Fungal infection
28 ___ de mer : seasickness?
29 Have a meal
30 Expressed, opined
31 A damp squib?
32 Catch sight of
33 Air traffic control
34 Actress __ Ryan
35 Jackson or James
36 Mrs. Gulzar of Bollywood
38 Ben ___ : multiple Oscar winning movie ?
39 Long period of time
40 Decipherable
44 One who drives mules
47 Organs of sight
48 President Eisenhower's nickname?
49 Afternoon for the Aussie
50 One of many taken to make progress?
51 Name for a boy or a donkey?
52 Was in or assumed a sleeping posture?
53 A type of sea eagle

WEDNESDAY'S ANSWER:

S	A	G	S	■	M	A	I	■	B	A	W	L
P	R	O	T	O	C	O	L	■	A	W	E	D
U	N	D	O	■	C	R	I	C	K	E	T	S
D	E	S	K	S	■	T	A	P	E	■	■	■
■	■	■	E	D	D	A	■	A	R	J	U	N
■	S	P	R	A	Y	■	R	■	Y	O	G	I
T	O	O	■	K	E	V	I	N	■	A	L	T
A	T	O	P	■	S	■	T	E	N	B	Y	■
J	O	H	A	R	■	G	A	I	A	■	■	■
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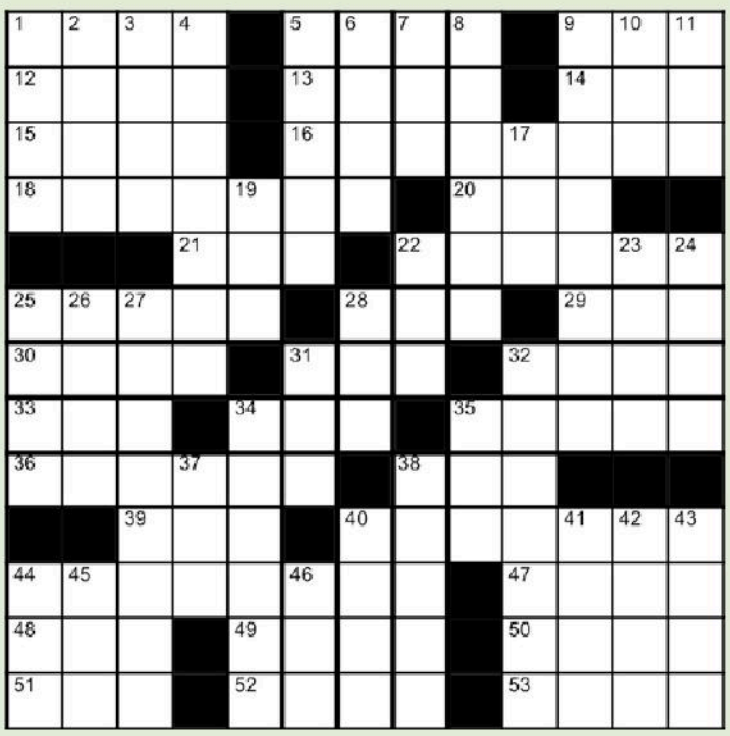
E	S	P	Y	■	T	S	E	■	E	N	O	S

DOWN

1 Hardy variety of cabbage
2 Windows alternative
3 A card game - "task" anagram?
4 Ravaged, persecuted or hassled
5 Without ___ or reason : senselessly?
6 Inst. of Elec. and Electronics Engrs.
7 Bleat of a sheep
8 Spread out
9 Impartiality, justice
10 Prohibit or disallow
11 Suffix resulting in a "gin" mixture?
17 Fifty two in Roman numerals
19 Adolf's bride
22 Causing sorrow
23 Empty spaces or intervals
24 Inflammation which can impair vision
25 Russian emperor
26 Intl. Air Transport Assoc.
27 "Lick need" anagram for electroplated ?
28 Attack and rob
31 The fourth letter by the sound of it?
32 Most weird or bizarre
34 Cerebral
35 Deep vessel for holding liquids
37 Gardening implement
38 Long-legged bird
40 Jewish family name
41 Unit of computer disk space or memory
42 Smile at with evil intents
43 TV sports letters
44 Andy Gump's wife
45 Small guitar
46 Long and historical period of time



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

SWICI BP WQXIROG PVNKQGBPN BY SWI RLTS

SWLS RGLUP AQ YQS ELZI BY L ZLTOON

TODAY’S CLUE: S EQUALS T

Wednesday's Cryptoquip: Democracy is a device that ensures we shall be governed no better than we deserve.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Tagaru	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
Anjani Putra	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Prema Baraha	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Preethiya Rayabhari	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Jana Gana Mana	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
HINDI			
Dil Juunglee	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Hate Story IV	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Sorry Teacher	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Tholi Prema	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Touch Chesi Chudu	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
---	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
---	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
---	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
RENOVATION WORKS UNDERWAY			
---	Lido	2420885	---
---	Sri Maruthi	9980351129	---

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Black Panther (E-3D)	(S-1)	7.00 pm
Dil Juunglee (H)	(S-1)	9.50 pm
	(S-2)	7.15 pm
Padmaavat (H-2D)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety (H)	(S-2)	10.40 am, 4.30 pm
	(S-3)	1.40 pm
The Hurricane Heist (E)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Hate Story IV (H)	(S-3)	11.00 am, 7.00 pm
		9.40 pm
Pari: Not a Fairytale (H)	(S-3)	4.20 pm
Tomb Raider (E-3D)	(S-4)	11.15 am, 2.00 pm
		4.40 pm, 7.15 pm, 9.50

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Tagaru (K)	(S-2)	1.00 pm, 6.30 pm
Tomb Raider (E-2D)	(S-3)	5.05 pm
Tomb Raider (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.35 am, 1.10 pm
		7.05 pm, 9.40 pm
Padmaavat (H-3D)	(S-1)	3.45 pm
Hate Story IV (H)	(S-2)	10.15 am, 3.45 pm, 9.15
	(S-4)	6.50 pm
Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety (H)	(S-3)	9.45 pm
	(S-4)	1.05 pm
Pari: Not a Fairytale (H)	(S-4)	10.15 am, 4.00 pm
Dil Juunglee (H)	(S-3)	9.55 am, 2.30 pm
3 Storeys (H)	(S-3)	12.25 pm, 7.35 pm
The Hurricane Heist (E)	(S-4)	9.35 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

NOTE: There will be no movie screening today as all the cinema theatres including single screens and multiplexes are closed in city. However, from 6 pm onwards, English and Hindi movies will be screened in Multiplexes. **[See report on Page -1]**

EVENTS TODAY (MAR.9)

Co-optex Showroom, Shivarampet: 'Buy two - get one free' offer, Co-optex Showroom, #1468/D.33, Narayanashastry Road, Opp. More Mega Store, Shivarampet, **up to 8 pm.**

Yuvaraja's College: Valedictory of *Yurekha-18*, Prof. A. Balasubramanian of the DoS in Geology, Manasagangothri, chief guest, Prof. R. Ganesh, Principal, of Yuvaraja's College, Mysuru, presides, Dr. H.C. Devarajegowda, Controller of Examination and Dr. M. Rudraiah, Convenor, Yureka-18, will be present, Sri Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar Auditorium [Quadrangle], Yuvaraja's College, **4 pm.**

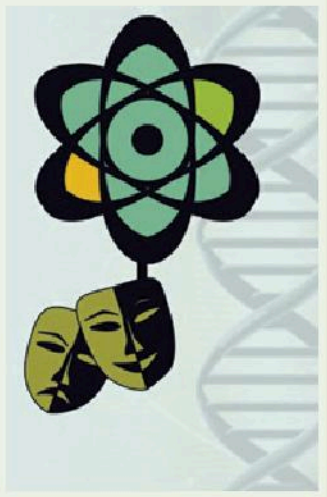
Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Mysuru: 16th year annual celebrations, M. Jagannath Shenoy, Managing Director, Mangaore Ganesha Beedies, Mysuru, inaugurates, B.S. Sridharraje Urs, President, Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, presides; Music Programme — **Vocal recital by Vidu. Aishwarya Vidya Raghunath,** accompanied by Vid. Srinidhi Mattur (violin), Vis. Tumkur Ravishankar (mridanga) and Vid. Sharath Koushik (ghata), Alwar Kala Bhavan, Sri Krishna Temple premises, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**

Shaktidhama: Inauguration of Skill Centre and Women's Hostel Complex by CM Siddharamaiah, M.N. Sumana of Shaktidhama presides, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Women & Child Welfare Minister Umashree, Primary & Secondary Education Minister Tanveer Sait, MLA M.K. Smashekar, MLC Jayamala chief guests, cine artistes

Shivaraj Kumar and Punith Rajkumar special invitees, Shaktidhama premises, near JSS College-Ooty Road, **6.30 pm.**

Discourse: Discourse on 18th Chapter of Bhagavad Gita by Sri Chidrupananda Saraswati Swamiji of Arsha Vidya Ashrama, Sadvidya School, Narayana Shastri Road, **6.30 pm.**

Mysore Science Theatre Fest



Parivartana Ranga Samaja, Kalasuruchi and Arivu Trust: Mysore Science Theatre Festival-2018, ISRO Engineer C.R. Satya inaugurates, **6.30 pm;** Staging of play 'Proof' by Samatento, Mysuru, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAR.10)

Discourse: Discourse on Upanishad by Sri Chidrupananda Saraswati Swamiji of Arsha Vidya Ashrama, Eshwara Temple's Shankara Prarthana Mandira, V.V. Puram, **7 am;** Discourse on 18th Chapter of Bhagavad Gita by Sri Chidrupananda Saraswati Swamiji of Arsha Vidya Ashrama, Sadvidya School, Narayana Shastri Road, **6.30 pm.**

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Srirampura: Special retreat in Kannada - preached by Rev. Fr. Franklin D'Souza, Be. T. K. George, Pro-life Manjula Joy and Br. William D'Souza, Chruch premises, **9 am to 5 pm.**

Co-optex Showroom, Shivarampet: 'Buy two - get one free' offer, Co-optex Showroom, #1468/D.33, Narayanashastry Road, Opp. More Mega Store, Shivarampet, **10 am to 8 pm.**

Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA): Distribution of 530 sites in Lalithadrinagar (North) Layout through lottery system, near Over Head Tank, Lalithadrinagar (North) Layout, **10 am.**

Centre for Gandhian Studies, Gandhi Bhavan, Manasagangothri, University of Mysore (UoM): Special Lecture and Interaction Series-2 on 'Mahatma Gandhi's Thoughts,' Prof. Yashavanth Dongre, Director PME Board, UoM, delivers the lecture on 'Gandhiji and Decentralisation,' Dr. Muzzaffar Assadi, Professor in Political Science, Manasagangothri, on 'Gandhiji and Hind Swaraj,' Prof. M.S. Shekar, Director, Gandhi Bhavan, presides, Centre premises, **10.30 am.**

Nisarga Trust (Natural Organic Farmers-Consumers Federation): *Raitha Santhe*, MLA M.K. Somashekar inaugurates, journalist Amshi Prasannakumar presides, #27, Kamakshi Hospital Road, 18th Main, 8th Cross, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am.**

Mysore Art Gallery: Interaction with Achievers-27 (Achiever - H.S. Govinda Gowdru), Sarada Vilas College's retired Kannada Professor A.V. Suryanarayana Swamy chief guest, Gallery premises, Ramanuja Road 12th Cross, **11 am.**

The Bhramara Trust of Y.T. and Madhuri Thathachari: Bhramara's Lifetime Achievement Awards Presentation — Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa, Professor and Principal, JSS Medical College and Dean, Faculty of Medicine (Bhramara Lifetime Service Award for Medical Education and Research), Dr. Shama Sundar, Professor of Anatomy, JSS Medical College and ex-Dean, Faculty of Bio-Medical Sciences, JSS University (Bhramara Lifetime Award for Research and Service to Society) and late Dr. V. Rajan Iyer (posthumously the Bhramara Lifetime Award for Service to Humanity-He was the Director of Metaphysical Energy Medicine Unit at the TAG-VHS Diabetes Research Centre in Chennai, Tamil Nadu) — Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji of Suttur Srikshetra delivers the benediction, Padma Shri Dr. D.R. Kaarthikeyan, Advisor, Law-Human Rights-Corporate Affairs, and former Director, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Director General, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and Special Director General, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), presides, Dr. S. Sacchidanand, Director of Medical Education Department, Karnataka, chief guest, Dr. Col. Rajendra Chaturvedi, Chairman, "Drishti" and former Director of JSS Hospital, Mysuru, guest of honour, Rajendra auditorium, JSS Medical College, Bannimantap, **11.30 am.**

Cauvery Balaga, Mysuru: Intl. Women's Day and 'Jeevanadi Cauvery' Education Award Presentation (Awardees: K.T. Srimathi, P. Mahalakshmi, Gulshir Banu, P.R. Sunita, Prema Pinto, Sulochanadevi, M.G. Sugunavathi, G.S. Bharati and Thirthasri), Lecturer Purushotham inaugurates, Department of Public Instruction Dy. Director (Administration) Mamatha presides, Akkana Balaga auditorium, 5th Cross, Tyagaraja Road, **3.30 pm.**

Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru: Gopalakrishna Adiga's Birth Centenary Celebrations, Adiga-100 Kavyanubhava (Poetry Reading and Debate), Gandhi Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Shantivratanandaji speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Mysuru: 16th annual celebrations, vocal recital by Vid. Ashwath Narayana, accompanied by Vid. B. Raghuram (violin), Vid. Arjun Kumar (mridanga) Vid. S. Manjunath (ghata), Alwar Kala Bhavan, Sri Krishna Temple premises, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**

The Institution of Engineers (I), Mysore Local Centre: Lecture on 'Retirement planning for Engineers' by Dr. Er. Amarnath, Resource Person, Securities and Exchange Board of India; IEI Chairman M. Chinnaswamy presides, S.P. Bhat Hall, IE(I) premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Parivartana Ranga Samaja, Kalasuruchi and Arivu Trust: Mysore Science Theatre Festival-2018, staging of play 'Broken Blossom' by Parivartana Ranga Samaja, Mysuru, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

MGP meeting on water supply on Mar.11

Mysuru, Mar. 9-Mysore Grahakara Parishat's monthly public meeting to be held on Mar. 11 (Sunday) at 4 pm at its office, 6/1, Vivekananda Road, Yadavagiri, will focus on issues pertaining to city's water supply.

B.Vinay Kumar, Assistant Executive Engineer (East) and M.N. Harshitha, Assistant Executive Engineer (West) of Vani Vilas Water Works will interact with the public. Those interested to participate may contact Ph:2515150, according to a press release from K.S. Venkatesh, Secretary, MGP.

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